

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on September 29, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Lorraine post office located in Lorraine, New York. The petition for review was filed by Susan and Dean Paine (Petitioners) and is postmarked September 20, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than October 14, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: September 30, 2011

Attachment

September 17, 2011

5519 Co. Rt. 92

Lorraine, NY 13659

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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Dear Commission,

To appeal means to take a case, in this case to stop the closing of the Lorraine NY Post office, to a higher court, tribunal, or authority.

Who I wonder will read this appeal to save our tiny post office, so important to this very rural, winter isolated, economically challenged community? What higher authority may take note that many served by this Post Office will now have a one way 15 mile trip to Adams, the new venue proposed for Lorraine? What tribunal will say, wait a minute, there is a mandate that travel to a post office in America shall be no more than eight miles?

We certainly understand the current financial constraints and the enormity of those facing the U.S. P.S. But the overall problems will not be alleviated by the closing of a small rural post office and a further stripping away of our proud American heritage of which the Postal Service is notable part.

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Surely we could all adjust to an end of Saturday delivery causing far less hardship and greater savings.

Thank-you for your kind consideration,

Susan M. Peine

Post Script 9/19/11

It was with joy and renewed hope that this household and many others so concerned received your carefully constructed and well reasoned Appeal for the Lorraine NY Post Office To-day, ready to sign with SASE included.

Everyone likes a compromise, especially one that will work. Well done! Thank-you very, very much.

Yours Truly,

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Name: *Dean F. Paine* Address: *5519 Co. Rt 92 Lorraine, N.Y. 13659*
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Name: Joan Fowler Address: 22714 Waterville Rd

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If this means I can't get rural service to my mail Box, it is unconstitutional. This country forces me to registure my guns and you can't have a post office box address. I am an American, and as far as I know ~~and~~ still have the right to "Keep a Bare Arms".

James D. Gushlaw

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Name: George J. Potter Address: P.O. Box 62
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